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and pray, and contribute in behalf of such a cause, not less yours than it is ours, the cause of God and his Church?

PREACHING.—Many *have* preached on peace the present year; but is it not wise, perhaps incumbent, to preach again for the special purpose of stimulating Christians to pray and contribute for the cause? Let every minister take his own time before the first of next January; but we hope he will, if possible, preach just before the concert of prayer for peace is held, and will let a contribution be taken up immediately after the sermon. We hope every pastor will bear in mind that the success alike of the concert and the contribution will generally depend almost entirely on himself, and will take the responsibility of providing for both.

CONCERT OF PRAYER.—We trust that this will be extensively observed this year. Our main hope of peace very soon with Mexico, rests with God; and no power but His can long hold in check the warring passions of any nation in Christendom. The success of this cause, equally with that of missions, or any other, depends on God, and should be remembered earnestly in the prayers of his people, not only at this concert, but in the sanctuary every Sabbath, and every day in the closet, and at the family altar.

CONTRIBUTIONS.—These will be appropriated as the donors may direct, or be left at the Society's discretion. They may, if desired, be returned, partly or wholly, in our publications to the donors themselves. Every one who gives one dollar, and will forward his name, may receive the *Advocate* for the ensuing year, together with our forthcoming *Review of the Mexican War*; and every minister who both preaches and takes up a collection, more or less, becomes thereby a member of our Society for the year, and is thus entitled of course to all our current publications.

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#### SPECIAL EFFORTS FOR FUNDS.

THE whole peace movement originated in a keen general sense of the calamities inflicted by the late wars of Europe, and by our last war with Great Britain. Good, thoughtful men, while smarting under its terrible inflictions, began to inquire whether the sword must devour forever, and set themselves at work to apply the remedy provided in the gospel, by bringing public sentiment into accordance with its pacific principles, by impressing the community with the guilt and evils of this custom, and suggesting rational, Christian substitutes for the brutal arbitrament of the sword. Hence arose, thirty-two years ago, the cause of peace; and the freshly remembered sufferings from this terrible scourge, gave the cause an impulse which kept it agoing long enough to gain a permanent hold on Christian principle, and thus place it among the established enterprises of benevolence.

Already has our present war had a similar effect upon multitudes of good men in sections of our country where little had before been done or thought on the subject of peace. In the great Valley of the West, where the war-

spirit burst out at once in a whirlwind of excitement, it has turned the attention of sober, thoughtful men to the claims of our cause, and called forth an earnest desire that we would extend our labors there, and especially would put some of our most effective publications in the hands of ministers, and in the libraries of Sabbath Schools, all over that immense valley. It is now seen, that we are combatting a real evil of vast magnitude; one to which our country is continually exposed; one that depends mainly on the will of the people themselves, and hence may be prevented by arraying public opinion through the land against it *in season*. This *can* be done; and, now that attention is so generally turned to the subject, and the public mind is open to the evils of war, we can, if we will, make a general and effective impression on the popular mind of the nation. The way is prepared, or fast preparing, for hopeful efforts in this cause all over the land; and the friends of peace will be unfaithful to their trust, if they do not seize on these rare opportunities, procured by so much treasure, blood and misery, to pour over the Great West in particular a flood of light on this subject.

We may expect special facilities in this work. We can for the most part calculate on the ready co-operation of Christian ministers, and of teachers in Sabbath Schools on the spot; and through these two classes we can reach no small part of the most effective minds throughout the West. The conductors of our benevolent societies, and the organizations of different sects, will doubtless lend their aid, and thus leave to us only the cost of the publications to be circulated. The Am. Home Missionary Society last year offered, at their own expense, to forward to their missionaries, nearly one thousand in all, whatever publications we might put at their disposal; and in similar ways we can probably reach nearly all the ministers and Sabbath schools at the West with comparatively little trouble to ourselves, and thus spread there, in due time, at least the same degree of pacific sentiment that now pervades New England, and that would, if spread there ten or twenty years ago, have doubtless prevented our present war. With these views our Executive Committee recently adopted this resolution, viz.:—

“That, in view of the increased demand and facilities for the spread of publications on Peace, particularly in the Great Valley of the West, we think a special effort should be made to raise at least *Five Thousand Dollars*, to be spent as the donors may direct, or the Society may think best, either in sending its publications to Sabbath schools and ministers of the gospel at the West, or in circulating among leading men through the land the proposed Review of the Mexican War.”

THE WORK BEGUN.—Already have some of our friends from abroad sent us contributions for these purposes. One lady gave us a short time ago \$50; and one of our steadfast friends in Boston has just paid us \$100 more. We hope many others will soon do likewise; and we see not in what way benevolent men, lovers of their country and their race, can spend their money to better purpose. We *ought* to have soon, not five, but *ten* or *twenty* thousand dollars for these objects.

We have begun, also, to issue our publications for these purposes. We

have stereotyped the *PEACE MANUAL*, and printed 2000 copies, most of which are already circulated. We wish we could multiply them by tens of thousands this very year. Some of our friends are anxious, as we are ourselves, to have a copy put at once into the hands of as many of our legislators as possible, both at Washington and through the States.

☞ **TO RECEIVERS OF THE ADVOCATE.**—When the Advocate, at the close of the last year, was sent back to us *without one of the thousands of names that were on its subscription list at the time of its passing into Mr. Burritt's hands*, we could do no otherwise than forward it, somewhat at a venture, to a select number of persons known or supposed to be friendly to our cause. We told them we should leave it optional with themselves to pay for it or not; and we say so still, yet trust they will all kindly consider our circumstances. One year ago we took the cause into our hands under circumstances extremely critical. The Society, with scarce a subscriber to its periodical, deeply in debt, and assailed with reproaches from both the moderate and the radical wing of its old supporters, was thrown upon the hands of its present conductors to manage its concerns as best we could. We have done so; and, while far from wishing to complain of the excessive burden we have had to bear, we do hope our friends who have received the Advocate this year, will not only take it still, but deem it a privilege to pay the pittance we charge for it, and *some* to send us several dollars instead of the one required for it *two years*. Those who have had it this year, *shall receive it another year, and our proposed Review of the Mexican War, if they will each forward us one dollar soon*. The Review is to contain as much matter, in book-form, as is commonly sold for half a dollar; and we shall be glad to furnish this, and the Advocate for the ensuing year, to any one who shall send a dollar to our office.

*Receipts from Aug. 10 to Oct. 10.*

Woburn, Collection,	\$6 84	Concord, J. M. Cheeney,	\$2 00
Abijah Thompson,	5 00	Mrs. D. Loring,	2 00
Oliver Bacon,	2 00	Others,	5 00
Oliver C. Rogers,	2 00	Harvard, Seth Nason,	2 00
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South Woburn, N. B. Johnson,	2 00	New Ipswich, N.H., col. in Cong. Ch.,	12 08
Harrison Parker,	5 00	Jos. Barrett,	3 00
Others,	3 00	Geo. Saunders,	2 00
Belleville, N. J., Anna R. Frost,	5 00	W. W. Johnson,	2 00
Weymouth, North, col. in Cong. Ch.,	21 68	Mrs. D. Everett,	5 00
Weymouth Landing, N. Fifield,	3 00	Others,	2 00
Jos. Richards,	5 00	Westminster,	3 00
Jona. Newcombe,	5 00	Athol,	4 25
Lewis Newcombe,	5 00	Templeton, D. Whitcomb,	3 00
C. Stetson,	3 00	Others,	4 00
Samuel Newcombe,	2 00	West Newbury,	9 50
A. N. Hunt,	2 00	Georgetown, G. J. Tenney,	3 00
Others,	12 00	Others,	25 00
Concord, Samuel Hoar,	5 00	North Chelmsford,	7 50
Daniel Shattuck,	5 00	Sharon, Lewis Morse,	5 00
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Miss F. M. Mackay,	3 00	James Horton,	5 00
N. Brooks,	3 00	David French,	2 00
Reuben Brown,	3 00	Others,	6 00